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1. Sterol phosphates corresponding to formula (I):

$$\begin{array}{c} R^3 \\ HO - P \\ HO \end{array}$$

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in which R¹, R² and R⁴ independently of one another represent H and/or methyl and R³ represents linear and/or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl groups containing 1 to 15 carbon atoms, and hydrogenation products thereof.

15 2. Sterol phosphates as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that they are derived from lanosterol, cholesterol, campestrol, stigmasterol and/or sitosterol.

3. A process for the production of sterol phosphates corresponding to formula (I):

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$$\begin{array}{c} R^3 \\ HO - P \\ HO \end{array}$$

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in which R¹, R² and R⁴ independently of one another represent H and/or methyl and R³ represents linear and/or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl groups containing 1 to 15 carbon atoms,

characterized in that, optionally after complete or partial hydrogenation, the corresponding sterols are reacted with polyphosphoric acid in nonpolar

The use of sterol phosphates corresponding to formula (I):

A process as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the reaction is

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HO-P O RI R2

carried out at temperatures of 65 td 95°C.

in which R^1 , R^2 and R^4 independently of one another represent H and/or methyl and R^3 represents linear and/or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl groups containing 1 to 15 carbon atoms,

and hydrogenation products thereof for the production of cosmetic preparations.

- 6. The use of sterol phosphates as claimed in claim 5 for the production of deodorizing preparations.
- 7. The use claimed in claims 5 and/or 6, characterized in that the sterol phosphates are used together with deodorizing agents.
 - 8. The use claimed in at least one of claims 5 to 7, characterized in that the sterol phosphates are used together with aluminium chlorohydrate, esterase inhibitors and/or bactericdal or bacteriostatic agents.
- 25 9. The use claimed in at least one of claims 5 to 8, characterized in that the sterol phosphates are used in quantities of 0.1 to 1.0% by weight, based on the final concentration.

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